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EULAR ANNOUNCES MEASURES TO SUPPORT UKRAINE

EULAR has taken a series of decisions in view of Russia's government attack on Ukraine

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The European Alliance of Associations for Rheumatology, EULAR, strongly dissents Russia's government attack on Ukraine, in violation of Ukraine's sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence, and the welfare of its residents. As hospitals are being attacked and access to medical aid is interrupted, EULAR wants to respond to this humanitarian crisis and particularly support the Ukrainian people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs), who need urgent treatment and assistance.

Since 24 January, EULAR has adopted a series of measures in supporting Ukraine. These measures so far include:

1. Coordinating support through EULAR Members

Remaining in constant exchange with EULAR National Members to identify ways in which EULAR can best help victims. EULAR has reached out to its member organisations in countries bordering with Ukraine to identify opportunities for support of people with RMDs in Ukraine and among the refugees.

EULAR has also asked our Corporate Members to ensure medicines supply and logistics in close collaboration with the governments and is liaising with industry partners on medicine supply logistic.

2. Financial and professional support for the Ukrainian workforce in rheumatology

Together with EMEUNET, the Emerging EULAR Network, EULAR has developed a support programme for young Ukrainian rheumatologists, enabling them to take up their profession, maintain and further develop their skills, and provide care to a range of patients, including particularly displaced Ukrainian RMD patients. Across Europe, Ukrainian rheumatologists or rheumatologists in training can apply for this programme, sponsoring their employment in one of EULAR's various partner hospitals or institutes. EULAR will fund up to 20 such positions, allowing for a stable income for a Ukrainian physician who had to flee their country, and securing medical treatment for Ukrainian refugees with RMDs. EULAR will provide EUR 500,000 for this purpose.

3. **Restriction for delegates and companies based in the Russian Federation and Belarus**

EULAR also decided to ban Russian/Belarus delegates and companies from our onsite congress in Copenhagen.

4. **Free registration for Ukrainian nationals to EULAR 2022 and EULAR Online Courses**

In order to alleviate the hardships experienced by the people of Ukraine and in support of its scientific community, EULAR is providing virtual ticket registration free of charge for Ukraine nationals to the EULAR 2022 European Congress of Rheumatology and free access to all EULAR Online Courses.

About EULAR

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EULAR is the European umbrella organisation representing scientific societies, health professional associations and organisations for people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs). EULAR aims to reduce the burden of RMDs on individuals and society and to improve the treatment, prevention, and rehabilitation of RMDs. To this end, EULAR fosters excellence in education and research in the field of rheumatology. It promotes the translation of research advances into daily care and fights for the recognition of the needs of people with RMDs by the EU institutions through advocacy action. [Learn more](#).

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